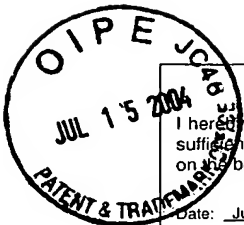


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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449, and copies of foreign art cited thereon.
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- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant cites the following references (each listed for the Examiner's convenience on the enclosed Form PTO-1449):

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
5,480,423	01/02/1996	Ravenscroft et al.
5,603,698	02/18/1997	Roberts et al.
5,702,418	12/30/1997	Ravenscroft
5,824,058	10/20/1998	Ravenscroft et al.
5,902,333	05/11/1999	Roberts et al.
5,957,974	09/28/1999	Thompson et al.
5,984,964	11/16/1999	Roberts et al.
6,165,163	12/26/2000	Chien et al.

DOCUMENT No.	DATE	COUNTRY
0 879 585 A1	11/25/1998	EP
99/43378	09/02/1999	WO
99/44541	09/10/1999	WO

A copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) is also enclosed. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the listed references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

July 13, 2004

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